GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF SUGARCAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan for cultivation of sugarcane in abroad;

(b) if so, the details of land taken up on lease for implementation of the scheme, country- wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability and to maintain the buffer stock of sugar in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): In order to increase the production of sugar in the country to meet the requirement & maintaining the buffer stock, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) under Macro Management of Agriculture in 23 States/Union Territories for increasing sugarcane production.

Besides, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is providing soft loans to sugar mills from Sugar Development Fund for increasing sugarcane production. Further to step up sugar production, the loan is also provided to the sugar mills from the Sugar Development Fund for expansion and modernization of the sugar mills.